

# The Northwest Missourian

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

## City Council reviews trash bids, concerns

By ANN BRADY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

& TRISHA THOMPSON  
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

A public forum Wednesday presented information about municipalizing trash services after the City Council voted Monday to accept the bids of six trash haulers under the proposed municipalization.

The six companies or individuals that submitted bids were Superior Services of Macon, Iowa; Waste Systems of Madison, Wis.; RSP Inc. of St. Joseph; Derffenbaugh Industries of

Shawnee, Kan.; EEGMM of Maryville and HDW Sanitation of Maryville.

Concern was expressed among residents at Monday's council meeting.

David Boyles, part owner of Boyles Motors, said council members should reconsider municipalization because it would hurt the local haulers.

"These folks have been doing this for 45 years," Boyles said. "They are our friends and neighbors."

Boyles asked members of the council to think about whether municipalization was truly the best option.

"This will affect all of us for the next 30 years," Boyles said.

Joan Ray, manager of Parkway and Village O Apartments said municipalization is not a desirable option because it is not what the citizens of Maryville want. She also said she has lived in three other towns where municipalization was adopted and none were successful.

"The council is opening a can of worms that they don't want to get into," Ray said.

Mayor Dale Mathes acknowledged the concerns of the citizens. He said

the council also had some concerns about municipalization and emphasized that the council strongly encouraged local haulers to submit bids.

At the forum Wednesday, a PowerPoint presentation explained legal issues concerning municipalization, trash service legislation and history of the local landfill and transfer station. Mathes also reviewed past council decisions on trash municipalization.

Information presented by prosecuting attorney David Baird stated municipalization is legal in Missouri

and outlines the process.

The council reviewed the six bids and got clarification from the represented hauler at the forum. The council looks at the cost per household and experience of the firm.

"The biggest thing you're going to look at is cost for the city," said Matt Chesnut, interim city manager.

Approximately 50 people attended the study session at the public forum, including community members and trash haulers.

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**Wednesday:** A public forum presented information about municipalizing trash services.

**Monday:** The City Council accepted bids from trash haulers.

## Community members meet legislative officials, present local issues

*Annual trip provides opportunity for politicians and residents to interact*

By TRISHA THOMPSON  
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Seventeen residents, representing various businesses and the University, traveled to Jefferson City Tuesday to speak to state representatives and senators about local issues.

The group trip, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, incorporated many appointments and activities to associate with legislative officials.

The group had lunch at the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and talked with Dan Mehan, president of the Chamber. At the luncheon, Mehan discussed state issues and updated the group on legislative happenings.

The participants also split into groups to attend appointments with legislators Sen. Sidney Johnson, Rep. Don Keller, Sen. David Klindt, Secretary of State Matt Blunt, Rep. Dan Hegeman, Sen. Morris Westfall, Rep. Rex Barnett, Attorney General Jay Nixon, Rep. Randall Relford and Sen. John Russell.

Main issues and concerns presented by the group included highway transportation systems, budgeting for the Small Business Development Center, education and small business commerce.

House of Representatives and Senate open sessions were also attended by participants.

The day ended with a reception by the Chamber. Fifteen legislators attended the event.

Mark Gregg, president of Northwest Ford-Lincoln Mercury, attended the trip to Jefferson City and enjoyed the trip. "I thought it was great," Gregg said. "I had never gotten to see a session in the House or Senate."

Gregg said he was impressed by Blunt in that he seemed genuine in taking the time to talk to his group. He said some representatives and senators seem distracted.

Maryville accomplishes something every time they make the trip, said Bud VanSickle, Chamber government affairs committee member.

"I think we made some contacts and did some important things," VanSickle said.

The current legislative focus is on the state budget and transportation issues.

Gov. Bob Holden recently proposed a plan that would ask Missourians to vote for an increase in taxes of \$693 million to fund a transportation plan.

The key components of the plan include an increase in state sales tax which would generate \$387 million annually. The Missouri Department of Transportation would directly receive \$77 million for transportation projects.

The General Revenue would receive \$317 million to offset gas and auto sales taxes currently diverted to departments other than transportation. Holden's proposal would also increase auto sales tax, gas tax and increase registration fees.

His plan would give the governor the authority to appoint a Secretary of Transportation, expand the Highway Commission and lower the legal blood/alcohol level to .08.

Not only is Maryville affected by legislative decisions, but the University also has legislation circulating.

Bill 779, sponsored by Barnett, would allow Northwest and the Missouri National Guard to enter into a 50-year lease for the new armory that will be constructed on campus next year.

This is contingent on approval of the state's matching capital appropriation.

Another issue for Northwest is receiving appropriated funds for the renovation of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. The funding has been withheld because Hancock lawsuits.

This year's legislative session ends May 18.

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During the annual trip to the State Legislature, Rep. Don Koller anticipated a friendly gesture from Tom Townsend while Tom Vansaghi, Special Assistant to the Office of the President, and Jim Blackford of First Bank stand aside.



Public Relations major Nathan Leopard practices his moves to get ready for the 11-day tour of singing, dancing and performing in New York City and four states. They will perform

their annual spring show at 8 p.m. April 20 in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The tickets will be free of charge, but will need to be picked up at the Student Services desk.

## Celebration takes its act on tour

By SARA SITZMAN  
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Songs were practiced one last time, costumes were packed in suitcases and the students of Northwest Celebration have embarked on an 11-day tour of singing, dancing and performing.

Their destination is New York City, but before the bus gets there Celebration will perform eight concerts in four states, director Rick Weymuth said.

On its trip, Celebration will have the chance to tour Radio City Music Hall and attend musicals "Aida" and "The Lion King."

"I'm so excited about this I can hardly sleep at night," Weymuth said. "I know how much fun this is going to

be. We are going to have a phenomenal time."

Celebration is made of 28 singers, five band members, four sound crew members and two graduate assistants.

The numbers they perform are all written especially for Celebration by alumni or current students, Weymuth said.

Auditions for Celebration are conducted in the fall of each year. Requirements include being an excellent singer and wanting to work hard, Weymuth said.

"A lot of people in this group have gone on to professional singing and shows," Weymuth said.

Eric Woodward, co-vice president of Celebration, is in his sixth year with

the group and is making his second trip to New York.

"For a lot of people who want to be performers, it gives them a chance to see what it is like traveling and performing," Woodward said.

The entire trip cost \$33,600, but it is free for each student thanks to the efforts of Weymuth.

"It is totally free for every kid, because I raised every penny from alumni and gracious, kind people who believe in these kids," he said. "At times I thought that \$33,000 would never show up. That's a lot of money for Northwest Missouri."

The custom-made outfits worn by Celebration have been designed by Maryville resident Juanita English for the past 20 years. She makes them as

a gift for every student and only charges for the cost of the material, Weymuth said.

Libby Jean Whittle, first-year Celebration member, said it is an amazing experience to be on stage and perform.

"Celebration is such a family-oriented organization and it's such a warm environment to grow musically," Whittle said.

Celebration will perform its annual spring show at 8 p.m. April 20 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Tickets are free but must be picked up at the Student Services desk in the Administration Building.

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## Pepsi strike causes shortage, changes

By JACLYN MAUCK  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Drink coolers at the Student Union are empty of certain products reflecting a Union strike against Pepsi at bottling plants in Kansas City, Mo., and Olathe, Kan.

The strike began Feb. 18 after 200 drivers and employees walked off the job when Pepsi and the Teamsters union could not settle differences in contract negotiations.

Some of Teamsters' complaints include wording that would allow Pepsi to change insurance benefits during the duration of the contract. They are also disputing a 401(k) plan and a company wage that are less than workers at Coca-Cola Co. received.

Both plants are still operating with

managers from other locations and temporary employees. Because those plants are still running and Northwest receives Pepsi products from a supplier in St. Joseph, the strike did not immediately impact the campus.

Problems arose because the plant in St. Joseph receives some of its products from plants in Kansas City.

ARAMARK first received information about the strike Feb. 23, when Pepsi could not ship its usual 120-180 cases of Aquifina bottled water. The Union ran out of bottled water Feb. 26. Northwest was left without bottled water for almost two days.

"I haven't had very many complaints—probably less than five," Judy Johansen, ARAMARK cashier, said.

ARAMARK was forced to break a 10-year exclusivity contract with Pepsi

and buy bottled water from a company called Sysco. The replacement cost the same as the usual shipment.

Because Pepsi has enough products in storage and Northwest receives shipments from the St. Joseph supplier, ARAMARK has not faced a complete drought. Barry Beacom, director of campus dining, said running out of Pepsi, Dr. Pepper or Mountain Dew is unlikely. Only less popular items such as Orange Slice, Lipton iced tea, All Sport and Aquifina bottled water face the possibility of running out.

Pepsi and the Teamsters have not set a date for future negotiations. Beacom does not foresee any major problems in the future.

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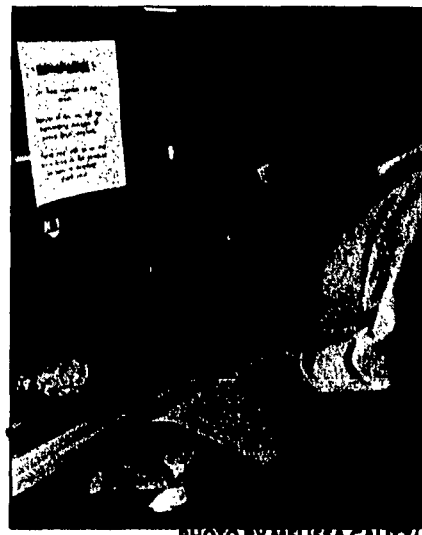


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Signs litter Northwest campus proclaiming diminished selections due to the strike. Saturday, Leah Ault purchases a Pepsi knowing it might not be there tomorrow.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### THURSDAY

- Access 2000 Conference: Table Manners and More, Conference Center
- Financial Record Keeping with Quicken, 6 p.m., Technical School
- University Student's Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Java City
- MOMFIT, 6:30 p.m., Christian Church
- Third Installment Due
- Northwest Celebration extended tour
- Family and Consumer Sciences Week

### MONDAY

- St. Joseph's Day (Italy and Spain)
- 2001 Master Gardener Program, Extension Center
- Lenten Mass, 8 a.m., St. Gregory's
- Girl Scout Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church
- Boy Scouts, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church
- Boy Scout Troop 74, 7 p.m., Christian Church
- Atchison County 4-H Council/Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Tarkio
- Spring Break
- Northwest Celebration extended tour

### FRIDAY

- Lenten Mass, 8 a.m., St. Gregory's
- Stations/Prayer, 5:30 p.m., St. Gregory's
- National History Day regional competition
- Northwest Celebration extended tour
- Family and Consumer Sciences Week

### TUESDAY

- Spring Equinox Day (Japan)
- Lenten Mass, 8 a.m., St. Gregory's
- Bible Mural Tour Group, 1:30 p.m., Christian Church
- Cancer Support Group, 6 p.m., Technical School
- Alzheimer's Support Group, 7 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church
- Spring Break
- Northwest Celebration extended tour

### SATURDAY

- St. Patrick's Day
- Lead Couple Training, 9 a.m., St. Gregory's
- Lenten Mass, 9 a.m., St. Gregory's
- District Council of Ministries Training, 9 a.m., United Methodist Church
- Northwest Celebration extended tour

### WEDNESDAY

- Student Recognition Committee Meeting, 7:40 a.m., Middle School
- Tutoring, 3:15 p.m., United Methodist Church
- Lenten Mass, 5:30 p.m., St. Gregory's
- Lenten Soup Supper, 6 p.m., Presbyterian Church
- Soup Supper and Lenten Study, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul's Vicarage
- Nodaway County Livestock Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center
- Spring Break
- Northwest Celebration extended tour

### SUNDAY

- Third Sunday of Lent
- St. Patrick's Dinner, 4 p.m., St. Gregory's
- Northwest Celebration extended tour

### THURSDAY

- Men's Bible Study, 6 a.m., Laura Street Baptist Church
- Lenten Mass, 7 a.m., St. Gregory's
- Lenten Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., United Methodist Church
- MOMFIT, 6:30 p.m., Christian Church
- University Student's Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Java City
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## Cultural entertainment



PHOTO BY MELISSA GALITZ/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Maryville senior Ritu Jain performs an Indian folk dance Saturday during "Quilt of Cultures." The annual event included food, songs and dances from around the world.

## UNIVERSITY

### Nobel Peace Prize winner to speak at Northwest

A Nobel Peace Prize winner and former president of Costa Rica will speak at 8 p.m. March 28 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Oscar Arias is an international spokesperson for the Third World and a promoter of peace for mankind. On the day of his inauguration in Costa Rica in 1986, Arias began negotiating for peace by bringing together the presidents of nine Latin American countries. He is also widely known for the Arias Peace Plan, which was drafted in 1986.

In that same year he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Arias used the monetary award from the prize to establish the Arias

Foundation for Peace and Human Progress in 1988. The foundation helped establish the Center for Peace and Human Progress, the Center for Organized Participation and the Center for Peace and Reconciliation.

Since the conclusion of his term of office in 1990, Arias has promoted such innovations as human development, global governance and human security.

### Bearcat's fan club invited to view children's movie

Bearcat fans are invited to a special performance of the movie "Chicken Run."

Members of the Bobby Bearcat Fan Club can see the movie at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"Chicken Run" is a G-rated film about a group of chickens deter-

mined to escape the clutches of a farmer's wife. The movie features the voices of Mel Gibson and Miranda Richardson.

Bobby Bearcat will be available to meet with fans at 1:30 p.m. prior to the free show.

Fan club members can bring their friends, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

## COMMUNITY

### Conception Seminary College to present musical

Conception Seminary College will perform "Stations—the Musical," a production based on the Stations of the Cross, at 8 p.m. Saturday at Conception Abbey's Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Seminarians will fill most of the

roles. Along with an orchestra from Theater at Vis, the cast will feature professional singers Sharon Clark, Ramona Witt and J.C. Dresslaer.

The musical is open to the public. A free-will offering of one dry good or staple item is requested to benefit the Community Food Pantry of Nodaway County.

### Lipsync contest to feature student performances

AirRoc, a lipsync contest put on by students of Maryville High School, will take place Friday in the Maryville High School gym.

Nine groups of students are preparing to perform songs from a variety of music groups.

There will be cash prizes for the first, second and third place winners and also prizes for best and most creative costumes.

The contest will start at 7:30

p.m., with doors opening at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$2 for children. For ticket information, contact Billie Mackey at 582-8016 or Deb Hess at 582-2803. Proceeds from the contest will benefit Project Prom and Project Graduation.

### Chamber to sponsor Home and Garden Show

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Home and Garden Show March 24-25 at Maryville High School.

Local and area companies will exhibit products and services at the show. Demonstrations will also be presented throughout the weekend.

Other activities will include a petting zoo and dinner served by the Future Active Citizens of Tomorrow Club from the high school.

The Home and Garden Show will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$1 for adults, but the show will be free for children 12 years or younger. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Center of Northwest Missouri.

### Community Theater will perform dinner theatre

The Nodaway Community Theater Company will be performing a dinner theatre March 29-30.

"The Fourth Wall," an adult comedy written by A.R. Gurney, will be presented in the observation deck at the Hangar.

Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. and patrons may order from an Italian menu. Performance tickets cost \$6, and the show will begin at 8 p.m.

There are 90 available tickets for each night of the show. Tickets may be reserved by calling the Hangar at 582-7676 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. or bought at the door.

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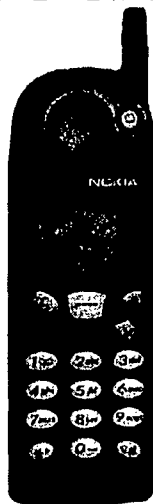
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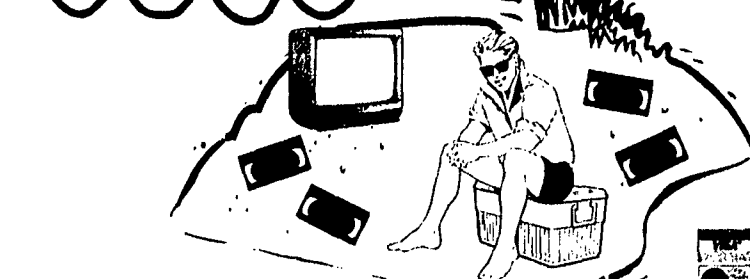
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## OUR VIEW

### Trash talk

*Supreme Court sides with Ku Klux Klan, allows them to participate in Adopt-A-Highway program*

The U.S. Supreme Court rejected Missouri's appeal of a decision from a lower court March 5. The court ruled it was unconstitutional to deny the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan's application to participate in the state's Adopt-A-Highway program.

The decision was met with cries of outrage from civil rights groups around the country. Although the opposition to the decision is understandable, the case is landmark for the First Amendment.

The right to free speech is a fundamental part of our country. This means all speech, even hate speech, is protected by the Constitution. Even though we may disagree with a group's message does not mean we can silence them. The Klan has as much right to be heard as anyone else.

It began in May 1994, when Michael Cuffley, the top official in the Missouri KKK, filed an application to adopt a section of Interstate 55. The Klan sued after Missouri rejected the application.

Stacy Armstrong, state coordinator of the Adopt-A-Highway program, admitted the Klan's application was rejected because of the group's beliefs. This is blatant discrimination, the very same thing the state was trying to avoid by rejecting the application.

Because of the Klan's beliefs and actions, their participation in a state-funded program is being attacked as a violation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This is ridiculous.

Denying the KKK the opportunity to clean the highway would be discrimination. Simply because the Klan's beliefs are unpopular and perceived as wrong by others does not mean they don't have as much right as anyone else to participate in the program.

There are plenty of other groups who adopt highways that discriminate. The state has not asked any other group participating in the program about their membership criteria. If they did, they would find groups like the Knights of Columbus and even the Boy Scouts have discriminatory policies.

The state has succeeded in renaming the section of interstate the Klan is interested in after Rosa Parks, the black woman who would not give up her seat on the bus and launched the civil rights movement. The state has also refused to put up another sign recognizing the KKK, because the previous two have been vandalized.

The state of Missouri has made it obvious that it does not agree with the views of the KKK. This does not mean it can stifle the group's right to convey its message.

Judge Pasco Bowman, who wrote the original appeals court decision, defended the court's decision by saying "The First Amendment protects everyone, even those with viewpoints as thoroughly obnoxious as those of the Klan."

The state is in no way supporting what the Ku Klux Klan stands for by putting up a sign and letting them pick up garbage. They are supporting every American's right to be heard.

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## MY VIEW

### Common Ground president reacts to editorial



**SHANE FOUST**  
COMMON GROUND  
PRESIDENT

The article "Drag Show Causes Concern" authored by Northwest Missourian Copy Editor Naomey Wilford in last week's "My View" attempted to draw you into a bigoted, misguided perception of homosexuality and the gay, lesbian and bisexual community.

I felt the article went beyond personal opinion and was more of a personal attack on those individuals who identify as being gay, lesbian, or bisexual. As I read the article, I was disturbed by the fact that someone could so easily pass judgement and make claims about so many things they have no knowledge about.

While I respect an individual's right to his/her opinion, I would like to take this opportunity to shed light on the spirit and purpose of Common Ground and the Second Annual Charity Dance & Drag Show. I hope to clear up many of the misconceptions and misinformation stated in the previous article.

Common Ground is one of hundreds of gay, lesbian, and bisexual student organizations in the country. We are your neighbors, your faculty, your campus leaders, your peers and perhaps even a friend. As many communities come together to raise awareness for a cause, so does ours.

The purpose behind Common Ground's Annual Charity Dance & Drag Show is twofold. First, it is an opportunity for the general student body, who would not normally have the opportunity, to see and take part in an event culturally based in the GLB community and it's history. Second, it is an opportunity to come together and raise money for a local children's charity. This year

we were able to raise \$1,736 for Camp Quality Northwest Missouri.

In accordance with our mission of reaching out to all people through educational and social events, the Second Annual Dance and Drag Show did just that. We entertained more than 350 people this year, regardless of gender, race, creed, religion or sexual orientation. Students, along with faculty, administrators, parents, grandparents and even children, came to support our annual philanthropy. And, to challenge a previous implication, a majority of those in attendance identified as being heterosexual.

Last year Common Ground was recognized as the Outstanding Student Organization on campus by Student Senate because of their commitment to education and diversity at Northwest. This was due to the work Common Ground did throughout the year to help educate and raise awareness with programming including, National Coming Out Day, Matthew Shepard Memorial Vigil, World AIDS Day, National Day of Silence and Journey to Hatefree Millennium that was co-sponsored by IFC and Panhellenic.

It is not my intention to make personal attacks against anyone, but it is my responsibility as a student to defend myself and those who identify as being gay, lesbian or bisexual against a prejudiced, misguided perception of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community.

The key word is diversity. It is not only sexuality that makes the human race diverse — it's how we look, how we think, the religions we practice, and the things we produce. Regardless of how we choose to express our diverse selves, we each have the right to do it without fear of persecution.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Family thanks community for help, support

Dear Editor,  
There are no words to express our gratitude for the overwhelming support and expressions of love following Dustin's death. How fortunate we are to live in a community that cares so much. We give a special thank you to those who took care of chores, our house, preparations at the church and the community center, through that difficult week. It was a great comfort to us to see so many of Dustin's friends from here, Maryville, and surrounding communities. It has helped us all at this difficult time.

MIKE, SANDY, AARON MCCURDY; KIM KAJOK; CALVIN MCCURDY FAMILIES; ALVA CARLSON FAMILIES

### HALO expresses gratitude for donations

Dear Editor,  
I would like to share my deepest appreciation to all Northwest students, faculty, staff and patrons who donated money to help earthquake victims in El Salvador. Measurable earthquakes caused mass death and destruction throughout the months of January and February and the Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO) started an "El Salvador Relief" to send aid to those in need. For every one dollar donated to this relief effort, Heart to Heart International donated \$25 worth of medical supplies to the earthquake victims. Northwest really came through on this and we were able to raise \$563.36, which amounts to \$14,084 in medical supplies. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and compassion. Your efforts mean so much to the people of El Salvador.

ROSANNA MUNOZ  
HALO PRESIDENT

### Editorial motivates reader to purchase tickets

Dear Editor,  
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Naomey Wilford for giving a much needed jolt to my procrastinatory system. For the past two years I have intended to attend the Common Ground event but something has always interfered with my attendance. Ms. Wilford's piece has so inspired me about the need to stand up and be counted in support of human rights and anti-bigotry that I have purchased advanced tickets for the next five years as well as retroactively purchased tickets to the previous two events. After all, it's all about the kids at Camp Quality, isn't it?

MATT JOHNSON  
HISTORY/HUMANITIES/PHILOSOPHY INSTRUCTOR

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## YOUR VIEW

*How do you think the Pepsi strike will affect you?*



"No Mountain Dew? What would the world come to?"

Jeremy Rose  
Geography major



"It would not matter to me. I don't drink Pepsi products."

Aaron Soetmelk  
Undecided



"Good, maybe we can get Coke products on campus."

Danielle Fengel  
Public relations major



"I don't drink a lot of Pepsi, but I would walk out too if they didn't pay me enough."

Jessica Tingwald  
Therapeutic recreation major



"This is very upsetting. I need my Mountain Dew."

Tully Sielaff  
English major

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# D.A.R.E. Auction benefits program

By ANN HARMAN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The tables were full and the atmosphere was cheerful when 150 residents showed their support for D.A.R.E. at a dinner/auction Saturday.

The dinner/auction is the program's only money-raising event of the year.

Many local businesses and private citizens took the opportunity to donate items to be auctioned off to show their support for the program.

The event raised about \$5,500, which is slightly less than a previous high of about \$7,000.

"We got some really nice big items we haven't seen in the past," said David Weichinger, principal of Eugene Field Elementary.

*"You don't have to drink to have a good time. There are other things you can do."*

MATT VAN CLEAVE  
MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Two of the biggest items were an oak dining table donated by Heilig-Meyers and an oak entertainment center donated by Wiederholt Construction. Both items were valued at \$700.

The program also received more than \$2,500 in cash donations from various businesses and community members.

The D.A.R.E. program in Maryville began in 1990 and is strongly supported by the community. Many parents of D.A.R.E. graduates think the program is beneficial.

"The contact they have with the Public Safety officers is really positive," said Dave Weigel, parent of three program graduates.

One of the events sponsored by D.A.R.E. is the annual mock acci-



Mark Younger, Jim Schreffler and Anita Espey assist in the selling at the D.A.R.E. Auction Saturday at St. Gregory's Catholic School. "I think (the program) gives kids an out," said Peggy Scheiber, vice principal at Maryville Middle School.

dent, which demonstrates the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Both students and parents think it is an essential part of the program.

"It hits home because it's their classmates out in the car," said Mark Wiederholt, parent of four D.A.R.E. graduates.

Many students stay active in D.A.R.E. after graduating from the program. Five Maryville High School seniors, Tanner Blackford, Dana Lade, Ashley Lager, Emily Townsend, and Matt Van Cleave act

as role models. "I'd always seen D.A.R.E. role models when I was younger and looked at that as something I wanted to do," Blackford said.

The role models are designed to help young people make better decisions concerning drugs, alcohol and smoking. The D.A.R.E. graduates visit classrooms with officers, help demonstrate positive alternatives to drugs, attend the monthly meetings and act as chaperones at some of the D.A.R.E. events.

"You don't have to drink to have

a good time," Van Cleave said. "There are other things you can do."

Proceeds from Saturday's event will help fund different D.A.R.E. program events.

D.A.R.E. is a nationally recognized, cooperative effort between local law enforcement agencies, schools and communities. It teaches school-aged children about drug abuse and skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

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# Safety activities planned

By NAOMEY WILFORD  
COPY EDITOR

Thursday marks the beginning of a week of health activities at St. Gregory's Catholic School.

Think First Missouri, a program to educate students about activities that place them at risk for brain or spinal cord injuries, is helping St. Gregory's celebrate health week.

Penny Bailey and Chad Burton, "young survivors" from Think First, will speak from 1:00 to 1:40 p.m. and 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mayor Dale Mathes will declare Safety Week at St. Gregory's, and the health fair will begin immediately after. School nurse Kathy Lipiec said residents are invited to attend.

During the fair, families can visit various safety stations dealing with poison look alikes, water, baby-sitting and electrical safety.

Wilson Snively, an electrician from United Electric, said his station will include a demonstration with miniature power lines and scenarios of what to do when power lines are down.

At the end of the evening, door prizes will be given to those who have visited the stations. The class at St. Gregory's with the greatest percentage of parents attending the event will be rewarded with a pizza party during lunch at a later date.

St. Gregory's will continue its quest for safety from March 19-23.

Monday-Students will watch a puppet show on Farm and Equipment safety presented by Farm Safety Just 4 Kids.

Tuesday-Students and faculty will discuss healthy food choices.

Wednesday -Students will learn and discuss fire escape routes.

Thursday-"Helmet Day." Students who bring bicycles, skates, rollerblades, scooters or skateboards will wear helmets for safety.

Friday-Students will draw or write about the safety lesson they think is most important.

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# Studio moves, offers classes

By JENNIFER LOUK  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

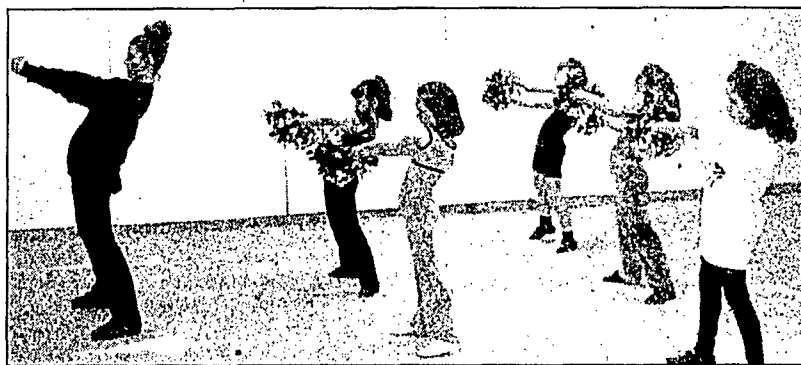
The recent relocation of Heather's Dance Studio gives students room to tumble and plié.

The dance studio is owned and operated by Heather Chavez. She has been in business since 1998 and has five assistants who help her in the studio.

"I moved to a new location because now I am able to have two dance classes going at once," said Chavez.

The new location at 324 N. Main Street is bigger than the old location. It provides more room for Chavez's approximately 150 students to practice and learn routines. The studio used to be located at 214 W. 3rd Street.

Tap, jazz (hip-hop), ballet and



The 7, 8 and 9-year-old competition group at Heather's Dance Studio follows the teacher's lead. The studio offers tap, jazz, ballet and acrobat classes in its new location at Third and Main Streets.

tumbling are some of the classes that are taught. Classes take place Monday through Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. The age group of students is three years or older.

"I can now have a much shorter schedule, and get more classes done," added Chavez.

Students are not just from

Maryville. Many of the students at the dance studio come in from surrounding towns.

Chavez's students will be performing at the Maryville Fair in July.

Enrollment for classes will start in July. For more information, contact Chavez at 582-2788.

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# Architect selected for center

By JIMMY MYERS  
CHIEF REPORTER

The Division of Design and Construction has selected an architectural firm to begin work on Maryville's community center.

The Shaughnessy, Fickel & Scott Architecture Firm from Kansas City, Mo., was chosen last month to begin designing the new facility.

Bill Scott from Shaughnessy, Fickel & Scott said they hope to have plans finished by late July.

"We've actually just started on the project," Scott said. "We have not submitted any pictures or drawings to the city, state or the National Guard at this point."

The center, which will also serve as the Armory for the Missouri National Guard, will replace the armory on the Northwest campus.

The new center will have 53,000 square feet of space and an elevated running track above the gym.

Rod Auxier, Director of Parks and Recreation, said the center will be built on the east side of Country Club Road north of the pellet plant.

"We hope to have the contractor hired and ready to break ground by Oct. 1," Auxier said. "Depending on the weather, it should take 15 to 18 months for the building to be completed. We're looking at the spring of 2003 for the facility to be completed."

Auxier said local residents will pay \$2.4 million and the federal and state government will cover the \$8.1 million to construct the facility.

The community center project is one of the largest of its type in Missouri this year, said Mike Berendson, chief of planning and programming for The Division of Design and Construction.

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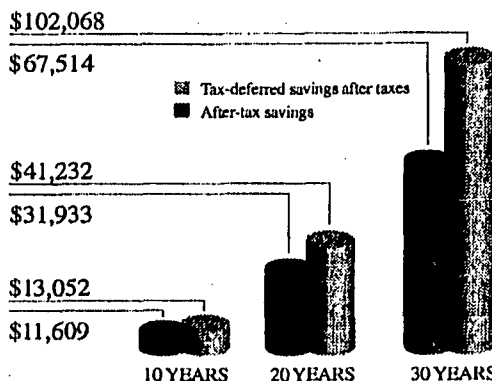
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## PUBLIC SAFETY

March 3

■ Laurie D. Vandemark, 20, Maryville, and Thomas M. Filbeck, 22, Maryville, were parked in a private parking lot, when Vandemark backed into Filbeck.

March 7

■ An officer towed a red Chevrolet from the 100 block of East Second for violation of 72-hour notice. The vehicle was towed by Walker's Body Shop.

■ Officers received a report of a vehicle leaving without paying for gas in the 1100 block of East First.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had taken credit cards and a diary from her vehicle while it was parked in the 100 block of South Laura.

March 9

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female someone had damaged the gutter above her garage on Faustiana Place.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had entered her apartment, in the 400 block of West Third, taking her computer tower.

■ Ronald G. Lowery, 34, Greenforst, Ark., was making a right turn onto West Lieber from South Main, when he left the roadway and struck a No Parking sign. Lowery was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Tyson J. Kohleppel, 16, Parnell, reported a hit and run accident in the 1200 block of South Main. Leah R. Miller, 42, Burlington Junction, was located in the 100 block of North Depot. Miller was issued citations for driving while intoxicated, leaving the scene of an accident and open container.

■ Steven L. Swaim, 48, Maryville, was stopped in traffic. Connie M. Wilmes, 60, Maryville, was traveling north on Main Street. Wilmes struck Swaim. Wilmes was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

March 10

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 300 block of North Market that someone was attempting to use a fake driver's license to obtain entry. Joseph D. Egertsen, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for misrepresentation of age.

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of West Fifth, an officer observed a male individual try to conceal a brown bottle by his side. Jeremy M. Cameron, 19, Stanberry, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ Officers received a report of underage drinking at a business in the 400 block of North Buchanan. Upon arrival, Joshua F. Quinonez, 21, Maryville, was issued a summons for obstructing a public safety officer and disorderly conduct.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she was assaulted by a Maryville male in the 300 block of North Market. Rico L. Dunn, 23, Maryville, was issued a summons for assault.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Market, an officer observed a vehicle traveling without its headlights on. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of North Market. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Alan B. Wiederholt, 21, Maryville. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for failure to illuminate headlights after dark.

■ While in the 400 block of West Fourth, an officer observed a vehicle traveling over the posted speed limit. The vehicle was stopped in the 300 block of North Main. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Dakota F. Emery, 20, Maryville. A check through Department of Revenue identified him as being suspended. He was issued citations for speed and no valid driver's license.

■ While on patrol in the 500 block of West Ninth, an officer observed a male individual exit a vehicle with what appeared to be a beer bottle. Douglas W. Ritter, Jr., 19, Lawrence, Kan., was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she was being harassed by a male individual.

■ Robert J. Robertson, 49, Maryville, was stopped in a private drive waiting to merge onto South Main. Mark S. Blair, 16, Maryville, was traveling north on South Main. Robertson could not see Blair due

to another car. Robertson struck Blair.

■ Aaron C. Blohm, 20, St. Joseph, was stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of East Third and North Market. Erin B. Mack, 19, Center, was traveling west on East Third. Blohm entered the intersection striking Mack. Blohm was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way.

March 11

■ While on patrol at the intersection of Fourth and Buchanan, an officer observed a vehicle on Fourth Street without its headlights on. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West Fifth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Jenny M. Reynolds, 19, Maryville. While speaking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which she could not complete. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a summons for failure to display lighted headlights.

■ While on patrol in the 200 block of West Sixth, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a posted stop sign at Sixth and Fillmore. The vehicle was stopped in the 200 block of West Eighth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Joshua L. O'Neil, 22, Shenandoah, Iowa. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a summons for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

■ While in the 500 block of North Market, an officer observed a vehicle swerve out into the middle of the road, and then stop at the intersection of Market and Edwards. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of South Hester. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Kelly P. Minnihan, 20, Sioux City, Iowa. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for improper lane usage.

■ While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle fail to come to a complete stop at the intersection of Third and Vine. The vehicle

was stopped in the 300 block of East Third. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Lindy M. Tomlinson, 21, Maryville. While speaking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which she could not complete. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

■ While on patrol in the 500 block of West Ninth, an officer observed a vehicle parked in the lane of traffic with its lights on. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Tawni D. Gebhards, 18, Rockport. While speaking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which she could not complete. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued citations for open container and parking prohibited by official sign.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville business in the 1600 block of South Main that someone had passed a counterfeit bill.

■ Jase W. Runkles, Rockport, was parked in a private parking lot in the 1600 block of South Main, when his car was struck by a vehicle, which then left the scene.

March 12

■ An officer received a report from a Parnell female that her car had been damaged while in Maryville.

■ An officer served a Maryville Municipal warrant and an Andrew County warrant on Kimberly M. Thomas, 29, Independence, for failure to appear. She was issued two summonses for failure to appear and was released after posting bond.

■ Officers received a report of a suspicious individual from a business in the 2800 block of South Main. Upon arrival, Joshua T. Hall, 20, Falls City, Neb., was arrested for failure to comply. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail in lieu of bond.

## CAMPUS SAFETY

March 1

■ Campus Safety towed a vehicle from Lot 20 for violation of parking procedures.

■ Campus Safety investigated an accident in the Administration Building. The case was forwarded to the Health and Safety Manager.

March 2

■ Campus Safety towed a vehicle from Lot 26 for violation of parking procedures.

■ Campus Safety towed a vehicle from Lot 8 for violation of parking procedures.

■ Campus Safety investigated a report of harassment.

■ Campus Safety investigated a report of a vehicle being damaged in Lot 7.

■ Campus Safety responded to a fight in Lot 17A. Upon arrival, the victim was still on the scene and gave a statement in reference to the incident.

■ Campus Safety stopped a vehicle in the 700 block of University Drive for failure to yield. While questioning the driver, alcohol was discovered within the vehicle. Maryann Heapley and Megan Buckman were arrested for minor in possession of alcohol.

March 3

■ Campus Safety received a report of harassment.

March 4

■ Campus Safety investigated a report of a person falling on the Student Union sidewalk.

■ Campus Safety responded to a medical emergency in the breezeway of Hudson Hall. The patient was evaluated and refused treatment.

March 6

■ Campus Safety stopped a vehicle in the 700 block of Northwest Drive for failure to affix a front license plate. The driver was arrested for driving while revoked.

March 7

■ Campus Safety received a report of harassment.

March 8

■ Campus Safety received a report of harassment.

■ Campus Safety responded to a juvenile report at Horace Mann.

■ Campus Safety received a report of harassment.

March 9

■ Campus Safety received a report of a missing checkbook. The checkbook was located on March 10 and

returned to the proper party.

■ Campus Safety received a report of property damage on a vehicle parked in Lot 7.

March 10

■ Campus Safety received a report of property damage to a vehicle parked in Lot 14.

March 11

■ Campus Safety received a report of property damage at Rickenbrode Stadium.

## DEATHS

Evelyn May Murray

Evelyn May Murray, 86, Maryville, died March 9 at Parkdale Manor Nursing Home in Maryville. —She was born May 1, 1914, to William and Zenebee Burr in Maryville.

She is survived by one son, Lavin; two grandchildren, Mickey and Charley; two sisters, Marion Strate and Mary Ellen Dockstader; and one brother, Bill.

Services were March 13 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville.

Ronald E. Eck

Ronald E. Eck, 54, Maryville, died March 7 at Heartland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

He was born Feb. 3, 1947, to Clarence and Louise Eck in Fayetteville, Ark.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; two daughters, Michelle and Kari; his mother, Louise; two granddaughters, Austin and Samara Coupland; four brothers, Clarence, Harold, Kenny and Kevin; and four sisters, Carolyn Burns, Debbie Espey, Patricia Finney and Karen Ceperley.

A memorial service was held March 10 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Maryville.

## BIRTHS

Olivia Elyse Goudge

Ted and Beth Goudge, Maryville, are the parents of Olivia Elyse, born March 7 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and joins one sister, Amanda, and three brothers, Andrew, Keegan and Frederic.

Her grandparents are Bob and Vicki Paxton, Cameron, and Fred and Rogene Goudge, Maryville. Her great-grandparents are the Shenkel-Bue Springs, and Thorn and Virginia Paxton, Chilhowe.

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## Encore to present 'Chicago' musical

By CHRIS BOLINGER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The '20s will come roaring back with a vengeance when the hit musical "Chicago" comes to town at 7:30 p.m. March 26 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"Chicago" will entertain as part of the Encore Performance Series, based on the 1926 play by Maurine Dallas Watkins, "Chicago Treachery."

The story revolves around Roxie Hart, a nightclub dancer who dreams of stardom in Vaudeville. She kills nightclub regular Fred Casley, who also happens to be her lover. Telling her husband that the victim was a robber, he agrees to take the blame for the murder.

When the police reveal that Casley and Hart were involved, her husband tells the police who the real killer is. Hart convinces her husband to help her hire Chicago's shrewdest lawyer to defend her. The lawyer, Billy Flynn, turns her crime of passion into celebrity headlines, and Hart becomes the toast of Chicago until other crimes pull the limelight away from her.

Songs like "All That Jazz," "Funny

Honey" and "Razzle Dazzle" add to the greed, corruption and crime of the roaring '20s.

"Chicago" is one of the most well known, award-winning Broadway musicals" said Brian Vanosdale, director of campus activities. "Chicago" is timeless. It never grows old and it appeals to every generation, but viewer discretion is advised. The musical can be risqué."

"Chicago: The Musical" opened on Broadway June 3, 1975 at the 46th Street Theater. Since then it has received several awards and honors including five Tony awards and a Grammy.

"Chicago: The Musical" is presented by Troika Entertainment, which is celebrating more than 20 years of producing musical theater throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

Tickets are almost sold out, but remaining tickets can be purchased at the Student Services Center located on the first floor of the Administration Building. Tickets for orchestra seats are \$18. Balcony seat tickets are \$16.

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The sounds of "Chicago: The Musical" will fill Mary Linn Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. March 26. "Chicago" is about murder, greed, adultery and corruption.

## Social speaker teaches about gender differences

By NAOMEY WILFORD  
COPY EDITOR

Northwest students and Maryville residents overflowed from the Student Union ballroom Tuesday as a social speaker told them everything they needed to know about the opposite sex.

Lori Hart Ebert, associate campus director at Heald College in California, taught the audience about stereotypes of men and women. Hart's goal was to enable people to communicate better with the opposite sex, break down stereotypes and educate about gender differences.

Hart was sponsored by Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council and Residential Life.

"She talks about things I think we all deal with in relationships and that are beneficial to all of us with communication and relationships," said Todd Kenney, Interfraternity Council president.

Hart led the audience in discussions and a question and answer session.

Hart shared information about the differences between male and female perceptions of things such as parties, food and sex.

"People are the way they are," Hart said. "In a relationship you get to different levels. People don't change. You're just at a different level. Just let things happen."

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## Students to use spring break helping less fortunate in Texas

By NAOMEY WILFORD  
COPY EDITOR

Instead of skiing or going home during spring break, 17 Northwest students are traveling to Texas on a mission trip.

A group of friends who attend Laura Street Baptist Church were originally planning a ski trip to Colorado, but Mitch Hiser, elementary education major, said God had different plans.

While the students were still planning their trip, the Rev. Paul McKim from Laura Street Baptist, made contacts in Mission, Texas.

Jesse Fisher, corporate recreation major, suggested they take the week to help others.

"Instead of serving our own pleasures, we would rather serve God," Fisher said.

The group will take two vans, a trailer for luggage and tools and leave Maryville Friday afternoon.

Charles Fattig, one of the adult members going on the trip, said the group will remodel old trailers, paint and teach children the gospel through Vacation Bible School.

"There's a woman with children

who live in a one-room shack, and she was telling me it rains right in," Fattig said. "The floor is rotten and we're going to try to get a trailer ready for her to move into."

A woman named Bertha White, who was the main contact in planning the trip, has undertaken a project to build places for people to learn and stay in.

"I'm excited to meet Bertha, because she's a lady who has totally given her life up to befriend the people in Texas," Hiser said.

Fattig said the majority of those going on the trip have never been on a mission trip before.

"I think they'll come back with a different outlook on some things," Fattig said. "They might find that things they thought were important before aren't so important after seeing people in need of shelter and things. I think they'll find out that besides helping meet people's physical needs, there's also a spiritual need."

To read this story in its entirety go to [missourianonline.com](http://missourianonline.com).

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## Planning council restructures, plans for award

By LAURA PEARL  
CHIEF REPORTER

The revised Strategic Planning Council gathered Tuesday to discuss Baldrige National Quality Program Award criteria with a specialized state leader.

John Politi, president of the Excellence in Missouri Foundation, guided council members through criteria listed in the Baldrige Award's national booklet and offered advice based on personal experience during a meeting that began at 10 a.m. and closed at approximately 2 p.m.

Since the Excellence in Missouri Foundation coordinates the Missouri Quality Award, Politi is familiar with the workings of the Baldrige Award, which encompasses Mis-

souri Quality Award standards.

Politi is no stranger to the Northwest campus, either. He visited Northwest to work with University personnel on Baldrige and Quality Award application processes in the past, said Annette Weymuth, executive assistant to the president.

"He's worked with us before, and he's excellent," Weymuth said.

Politi presented the group with suggestions for fine-tuning their application, discussed criteria changes for this year's award and helped council members plot a timeline that will ultimately lead to the completion and submission of their application, Weymuth said.

"I just think that having the clarity on the new guidelines was important to us," Weymuth said. "That

helped everybody."

By "everybody," Weymuth referred to the revised council, composed of members of the original strategic planning council, Baldrige Category chairs and cabinet members.

The council is in the process of completing their application for the Baldrige Award before the May deadline. Weymuth said the application is no small undertaking, because it encompasses such a variety of areas, and the University is a complex, ever-changing institution.

"It is a huge undertaking," Weymuth said. "You do learn an enormous amount about the University working with this process."

The Baldrige application requires a number of charts and cal-

culations as well as written initiatives and plans, all contained within a maximum of 55 pages, Weymuth said.

A Baldrige Award for educational institutions has only been available for the past two years, and this particular award has not been awarded yet. Northwest would like to claim the first educational Baldrige, Weymuth said.

Weymuth believed the application process and the Baldrige criteria helped Northwest to better assess its progress and accomplishments.

"It's asking lots of good questions without telling us how to do things," she said.

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# No. 16 Bearcats end season at 25-6

## BEARCAT FEATS

■ Won 14 straight games to start the season. Most consecutive wins to start season since 1939-40.

■ Won 25 games to finish season 25-6. Most wins by a Northwest basketball team since 1932.

■ Defeated then No. 1 ranked Florida Southern University on Dec. 18.

■ Finished second in the MIAA conference tournament for the fourth straight year.

■ Defeated Northeastern State University (Okla.) in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The victory was the first NCAA tournament win ever.

■ Reached as high as No. 5 in the Division II rankings. Finished the season at No. 16.

## 'Special' season ends with 67-61 loss to Ichabods in NCAA Tournament

By BILL KNUST  
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's basketball team finished its season with a 25-6 record Saturday, giving the 'Cats their highest win total since 1932.

Northwest was picked to finish fifth in the MIAA when the preseason polls came out but the Bearcats exceeded expectations. The team finished second in the league with a 14-4 conference record and second in the conference tournament for the fourth straight year.

The team also accomplished something no Northwest team had before by winning an NCAA regional tournament game.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said this team has done a lot for the basketball program at Northwest.

"They established the type of ball we want to play at Northwest," Tappmeyer said. "Regardless of whether they have made us a Division II power now, this team will stand for a long time of how we want to do things."

Washburn spoiled the Bearcats season though. With a 67-61 victory Washburn ended Northwest's season.

Washburn led the entire first half and had a 31-29 half-time lead. MIAA Player of the Year senior Ewan Auguste had 15 points in the first half for the Ichabods.

Northwest made a run to open the second half and took a 41-38 lead with a 7-2 run. Hudson hit his fourth three-pointer during the run and finished with 20 points.

The run was matched by Washburn as they went on a 12-1 run, highlighted by Washburn senior Eric Carter's back-to-back treys.

Northwest fought back to tie the score at 48. Washburn put Northwest away though by using a 13-2 run to build an insurmountable lead.

Northwest knocked off Northeastern State University (Okla.) in the second round of the regional tournament. The Bearcats defeated the team that knocked them out of the tournament last year.

Tappmeyer did not want to compare this year's team to others he has coached in the past, but said it was a pleasure to coach these men.

"I don't rank the teams I have coached, but this is one of the better ones I have had," Tappmeyer said. "The word 'team' is what these guys are all about."

Reeling off 14 straight wins to open the season, the Bearcats climbed as high as No. 5 in the Division II rankings. Among the 14 wins was an upset of the No. 1-ranked school at the time, Florida Southern University.

The 67-60 win ended the Moccasins' 32-game home winning streak.

Northwest ended another opponent's home winning streak in the last week of the regular season.

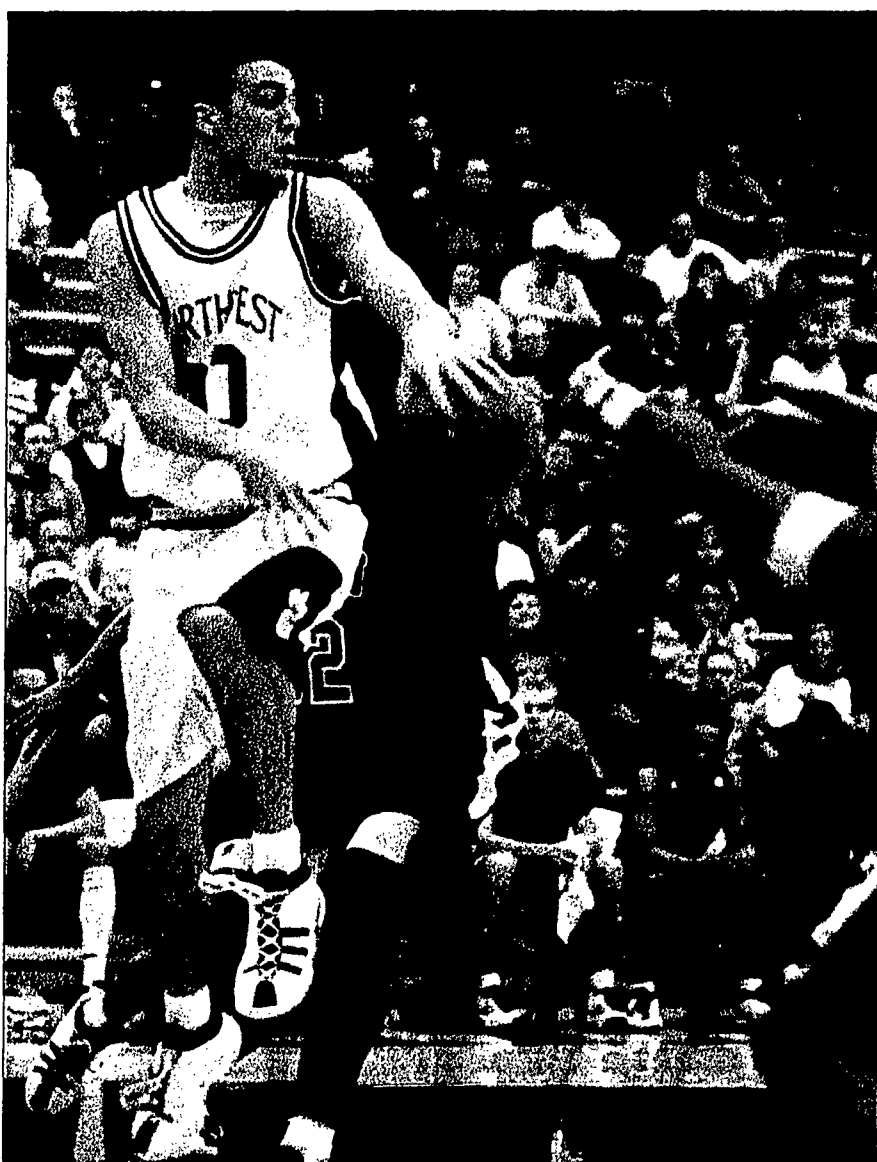
Washburn University had not lost a conference home game during the regular season in 30 tries. The Bearcats ruined that streak though by defeating the Ichabods 73-67 on Feb. 21.

The outcome was fitting because Washburn ended the Bearcats 21-game home winning streak earlier in the season.

Tappmeyer said he will always have a special place for this team.

"It was a great season, and I felt really special to coach these guys," Tappmeyer said. "It is so rare to find a team like this in basketball today, where all the guys are so unselfish."

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Senior Joe Price saves the ball from going out of bounds during the Bearcats win over Northeastern State (Okla.) Friday. The Bearcats 62-60 win was their first NCAA Tournament.

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## Final Northwest basketball statistics

##	SUMMARY	GP-GS	Min	FG%	3PT%	FT%	R/G	A/G	STL	BLK	PTS/G
11	Fleming, Scott	31-31	32.1	.389	.321	.814	3.6	4.0	97	7	14.0
24	Hudson, Jerry	31-31	29.6	.516	.442	.622	4.5	1.9	29	15	11.1
44	Taylor, Joel	31-21	25.5	.408	.396	.733	3.4	1.5	26	4	9.9
40	Farrow, Floyd	30-24	23.9	.454	.271	.733	4.8	1.1	43	36	9.8
10	Price, Joe	31-31	26.0	.491	.395	.742	2.0	2.6	6	9	8.1
42	Rowan, Matt	31-17	20.8	.541	.000	.554	5.1	1.1	39	15	8.0
05	Parker, Kelvin	31-0	17.2	.445	.286	.762	1.3	2.4	26	2	6.1
23	Jeter, Archie	31-0	10.9	.368	.312	.720	1.3	0.4	4	2	2.9
32	Grove, Matt	11-0	4.2	.250	.316	.714	0.7	0.0	0	0	2.1
30	Jones, Floyd	13-0	5.1	.462	.000	.471	1.2	0.2	3	1	1.5
34	Borchers, Chris	26-0	7.0	.440	.000	.615	1.0	0.1	8	5	1.5
03	Mensah, Kofi	17-0	7.8	.233	.118	.667	0.7	0.6	6	0	1.4

Bold text denotes team leader

## High expectations for next season await Northwest men's basketball

By BILL KNUST  
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

Losing three senior starters would mean an obvious drop-off for many basketball teams, but the Northwest men's team is hoping that will not be the case next season.

After compiling a 25-6 record, their best season since 1932, the Bearcats will have high expectations for next season.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said the team will go about things the same way as this year.

"We are going to base things on how they went this year," Tappmeyer said. "We want the guys to put the team first and themselves second, so we can pick up where we left off this year."

The team will return sophomore starting guard Scott Fleming and starting small forward Jerry Hudson.

Fleming set the single-season record for steals with 97 and he averaged a team-high 14 points a game.

Hudson led the team in three-point shooting percentage, knocking down 44 percent and also shot 51.6 percent from the field.

Besides the two starters, four underclassmen also saw significant playing time this year.

Juniors Matt Rowan and Chris Borchers will return for the 'Cats in the center and power forward position respectively. Rowan finished the season as the Bearcats top rebounder, averaging five per game.

Freshman Kelvin Parker will replace departing senior guard Joe Price. Parker averaged 17.2 minutes per game and averaged 2.5 assists per game.

Sophomore Archie Jeter will also be back. Jeter averaged 10 minutes per game.

Fleming said the team learned a lot of things from the seniors this year that will be beneficial next season.

"They did a good job of being leaders," Fleming said. "They came to work every practice and game. They never took any days off."

Three-point shooting will also be a key component lost with the departure of the senior class.

Seniors Joel Taylor, Floyd Farrow and Price accounted for 90 of the 202 three-pointers the Bearcats made this season.

To compensate, Fleming said the team will have to hit the gym and improve.

"In some of our games this year we were a bit inconsistent," Fleming said. "In the off season we need to make a commitment to get in the gym and work hard at improving. We do have guys that make the three though. Jerry, Archie, Kelvin and I can all make the three."

An area that could help to replace the seniors is recruiting.

Although one of the problems with going so deep into the season is getting out to scout the recruits though, Tappmeyer said.

"It is a good problem to have," Tappmeyer said. "But it prevented us from doing a lot of player evaluations. So now we have to base it on tape or by bringing the players in to play with our guys."

The season is eight months away, but Fleming is aware of the expectations that will be placed on next year's team.

He thinks the team knows what it takes to get back to the tourney.

"We have been to the game now, and we know what it takes," Fleming said. "We had a bad taste left in our mouths, it will give us something to think about this summer."

## Maryville baseball

# 'Hounds seniors hoping to carry team to Midland Empire crown

By BRENT C. WAGNER  
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

If mother nature lends a helping hand, the Maryville baseball season is set to hit the diamond March 20 in hopes of a conference and district crown.

The 'Hounds graduated five seniors from last year's team that went 15-7. The team finished second in both the Midland Empire Conference and district, dropping both contests to rival Platte County.

This year, the team goal has been set to produce another great season.

"We want to take it one step further this season," head coach Brian Lohafer said. "We want to win district, win conference and hopefully go from there."

Senior Mitch Herring is confident the team will have a great season.

"We have a really strong team coming back," Herring said. "We're going out looking to win districts."

Lohafer said the class of 2000 will be missed but is sure the roles will be filled. A junior class 11 men strong will be called to fill the gaps after last year's junior varsity team went undefeated, and the freshman squad went 10-3.

A strong senior class is the foundation for a promising season. Seniors include Herring, Mark Lewis, Brent Devers and Ryan Sullivan.

Herring is a returning all-conference catcher, while Devers was an honorable mention all-conference second baseman.

Lewis is set to lead the Maryville pitching staff after throwing 44 innings last season.

"Mark will probably be the ace this year," Lohafer said.

A number of junior varsity pitchers add to a strong staff, Lohafer said.

Hitting is taking top priority this season as the team looks to improve on last year's .305 team batting average.

"I think we'll be a better hitting team this year," Lohafer said. "We're really concentrating on the hitting real hard."

Opening day for the 'Hounds is slated for March 20 against Lafayette in Maryville.

Maryville will play in the Excelsior Springs tournament March 24. The tournament field is strong as 2A state champion St. Pius and 1999 5A state champion Excelsior Springs are among the field.

"You don't get better unless you play good competition," Lohafer said.

The team is optimistic and ready to take the field.

"We're really looking forward to this season," Lohafer said. "We had a really good season last year, so the kids are high about that and we want to repeat if not do better than what we did last year."

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## 2001 Maryville baseball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
3/20	Lafayette	4 p.m.
3/22	Benton	4 p.m.
3/24	Excelsior Tourney	9 a.m.
3/29	Lafayette	4 p.m.
3/30	St. Pius	4:30 p.m.
4/3	Savannah	4 p.m.
4/5	Cameron	4:30 p.m.
4/10	Chillicothe	4:30 p.m.
4/12	Savannah	4 p.m.
4/17-21	Pony Express Tourney	TBA
4/24	LeBlond	4 p.m.
4/26	Benton	4 p.m.
4/27-28	Kearney Tourney	TBA
5/1	Chillicothe	4:30 p.m.
5/3	Smithville	4:30 p.m.
5/7	Mid Buchanan	4:30 p.m.
5/8	Platte County	4:30 p.m.
5/10	LeBlond	4:30 p.m.
5/14-18	Districts	TBA
5/24	Sectionals	TBA

■ Home games in bold type

## Northwest indoor track and field



KYLE KERAUS  
800-METER RUN



TOMMY LESLIE  
POLE VAULT



RYAN MILLER  
POLE VAULT



TUCKER WOOLSEY  
SHOT PUT

# Five tracksters named All-American at nationals

By JUSTIN BUSH  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Seven members of the Northwest men's track team went to the national meet last weekend with goals set high.

The results was four individual All-Americans and a sixth-place overall team finish.

Sophomore Kyle Keraus placed fifth in the 800-meter dash with a time of 1-minute, 51.74 seconds.

"I was a little nervous in the prelims because I was in the fast heat," Keraus said.

"I calmed down once I made it to the finals. This was something I never thought I would have a chance at, but once I was there it gave me something to shoot for and I got it. It feels great. I never thought I would have the chance to become an All-American."

Junior Tucker Woolsey finished the season with a second place performance in the shot put after a heave of 55 feet, 11.75 inches. With a throw of 53-feet, freshman Conrad Woolsey finished ninth.

Sophomore pole vaulter Ryan Miller placed fourth with a jump of 16-feet, 4.25 inches. Improving his personal best from 15-feet, 9 inches.

"I had been over higher heights, but just couldn't get the bar to stay on," Miller said. "There was a newer pole, and I knew I could compete with the other guys if I got on that pole. It was a goal of mine all year to clear some big bars and become an All-American."

As Northwest's only returning competitor from last year's national meet, Tommy Leslie remained constant, placing fifth again.

"There wasn't as much pressure going into this year's championship," Leslie said. "Having other teammates there and having Ryan there as another vaulter really helped with there being less pressure than last year."

"This is more than I could have ever hoped for. Coming in everyone wants to get up there and get that All-American status and to actually do it is something else. It's just an incredible feeling."

Freshman Pat Jordan cleared 6-feet, 6 inches in the high jump and missed the finals by two inches.

Sophomore Mark Stewart hurt his toe during warm-ups and was not able to compete.

"There was no miracle work in what they accomplished," men's coach Richard Alsup said.

"They all performed at the level that they were capable of competing at. It was an overall good performance for our group."

RICHARD ALSUP  
MENS INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD HEAD COACH

Alsup said. "They all performed at the level that they were capable of competing at. It was an overall good performance for our group."

The MIAA indoor track coaches elected Alsup as the indoor men's track and field coach of the year.

"We really improved a lot from last year," Alsup said. "It's a real honor. There are a lot of other good coaches. We redshirted a lot of guys last year."

The track team will compete on its home track in the Annual Bearcat Invitational on April 7.

"We are excited about the outdoor season," Leslie said. "If we can get people out to watch, that would be great. We should have a lot of good performances."

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Senior catcher Mitch Herring was all-conference in 2000. Maryville begins its season Tuesday.

## Northwest tennis

## MIAA season begins for 'Cats

By BRENT C. WAGNER  
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest tennis teams are heading to Oklahoma for spring break, looking to fine-tune their skills and bounce back from a tough week of tennis.

The quest for an MIAA Championship kicks off as both the men and women will play host to Southwest Baptist University Friday. The squads will return to the courts Saturday in another MIAA showdown, taking on Truman State University.

Head coach Mark Rosewell said the MIAA matches take top priority for him and his squad.

"We want to concentrate on doing well in the conference," Rosewell said.

The 'Cats will rest and travel Sunday before beginning a stretch in which one or both of the teams will be in action for 12 straight days.

Both teams will collide with the University of Central Oklahoma Monday in Edmond, Okla.

The Northwest mentor said the packed schedule is key to the team's improvement.

"We want to focus on being competitive and playing a lot of matches," Rosewell said. "When we come back from spring break we're match tough. We're ready to give it our best from that point."

Following an 0-3 record this weekend the Northwest women improved their overall record to 2-

4 on the season.

The Bearcats fell 7-2 to Cameron University Sunday. Senior Julie Ervin picked up the lone singles win with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Erica Alaya. Ervin teamed up with sophomore Adrianna Hernandez at No. 2 doubles to pick up the other Northwest win.

The women faced stiff Division I competition Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa, taking routs at the hands of DePaul University, 9-0, and Drake University, 9-0. In the match with DePaul the Blue Demons recorded a 98-21 point advantage.

Rosewell said the Division I competition will pay off in the end.

"We always like to play three or four Division I schools," Rosewell said. "Obviously we're probably going to get beat, because they have better talent than we do. When we play the Division II teams though, they don't look as good after we've played some Division I teams."

Grand Valley State got the upper hand versus Northwest Friday in St. Joseph bettering the Bearcats 7-2. Senior Ellen Stubbs picked up wins at No. 2 singles 6-3, 6-3 and later tag-teamed with freshman Rosa Tapia to win at No. 1 doubles 8-5.

Rosewell said it could be a dominating season for Stubbs.

"Ellen is playing No. 2 for us, but she was the runner-up at No. 1 singles in the conference last year,"

Rosewell said. "That means she was the second best player in the league. I imagine she's going to win a lot of matches at No. 2 this year."

Stubbs and Tapia are 2-4 at No. 1 doubles.

"Ellen and Rosa make a pretty good team at No. 1 doubles," Rosewell said.

On the men's side of the court Northwest sports a 1-4 season mark after losing to West Texas University 8-1 Monday in Kansas City, Mo. Three of the 'Cats' losses have come to Top 25 teams.

Cameron University knocked off the Bearcats 7-1 Sunday in Bolivar. Freshman J.J. Mulwanda and sophomore Gorka Sanchez accounted for the lone win, an 8-1 victory in No. 3 doubles.

Saturday was sophomore Jon Sanchez's day to shine on the court as he picked up wins at No. 3 singles, 6-4 6-1 and 8-5 with sophomore Jarrod Smith in No. 3 doubles. However, Northwest dropped the match 6-3 to Southern Indiana University.

Rosewell said the team's combined record of 3-8 is sure to improve.

"We've been playing good teams," Rosewell said. "You're going to start seeing us win a few matches here soon."

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## Northwest baseball

## Sluggers ride hot bats to 3-1 weekend in Joplin

By JUSTIN BUSH  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Snow and cold winds forced the Northwest baseball team to cancel its home games and travel south to Joplin Friday where their bats were red hot.

The 'Cats won three of four games last weekend, including wins over Concordia State University-St. Paul, Northeastern State University (S.D.) and Morningside State College (Iowa).

The Bearcats opened their weekend Friday against Concordia State. In the first inning the 'Cats jumped out to a 10-2 lead with the help of junior center fielder Ryan Ellis' grand slam. Northwest cruised to a 19-1 victory.

"Their starting pitcher was struggling and throwing a lot of balls," Ellis said. "I made up my mind that if I got a good pitch, I was going to try and jump all over it, and I hit it just right."

In game two Friday the team fell to Northeastern State 7-2. After pitching 5.2 innings and striking out nine, senior pitcher Brent White could not record the win.

The 'Cats swept a two-game se-

ries Saturday against Morningside State. They were victorious in the first game 6-2 as freshman pitcher Travis Ashman threw five no-hit innings. He stuck out two and did not walk a batter.

"We got our starter going well and our defense played great," Ashman said. "I got plenty of run support, and I felt that all I needed to do was throw strikes and let them hit it, and the defense was going to back me up."

"The biggest thing was getting clutch hits," head coach Darin Loe said. "We have had a lot of runners on a base all year. This weekend we were able to drive them in."

Because of a soggy field Friday's home game against the University of Minnesota-Crookston has been moved to Hidden Valley Park in Kansas City, Mo.

"We are a good team, but everyone has to do their part and do the little things to win ball games," Ellis said. "Doing the little things means bunting a person over, getting a sac fly when we have a runner on third and getting the big hits."

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Who do you think  
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"Northwest-ern State, because that's what my bottleneck says."

**RUSS ROOT**  
Theater major



"Duke, because they are No. 1 and beat North Carolina"

**Greg Greybill**  
Art major



"North Carolina because they've been strong in the past."

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"North Carolina because they are unstoppable"

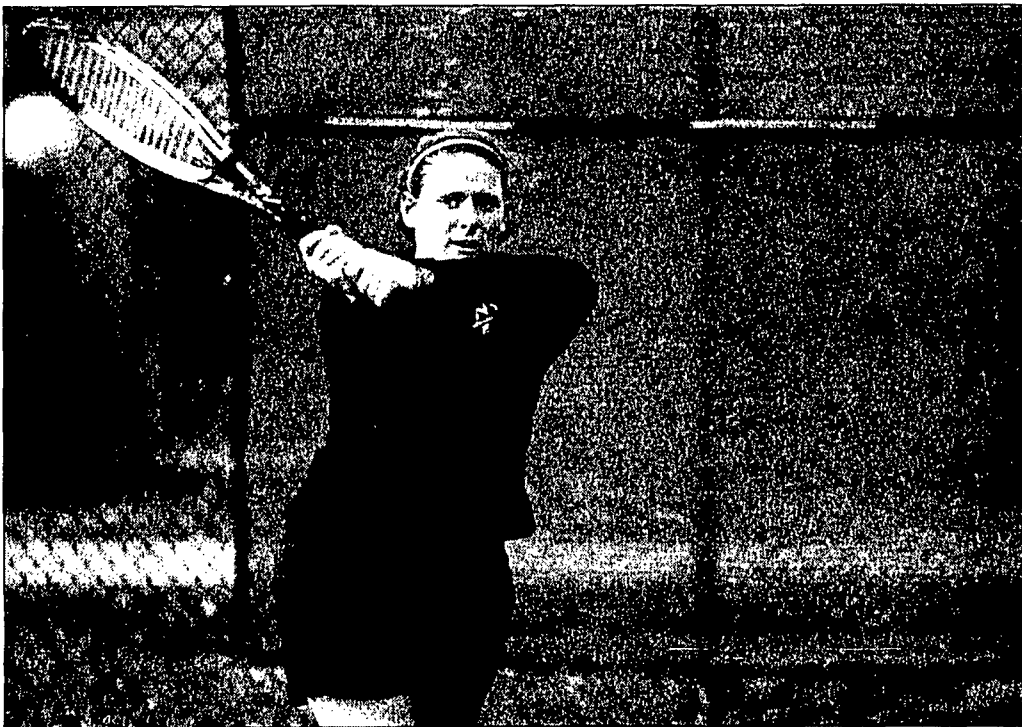
**Shane Garnett**  
Maryville High School senior



"Duke, because I feel they are the better team."

**Mary Riley**  
Maryville resident

Senior Ellen Stubbs hits a backhand return shot during practice. Stubbs won both of her No. 2 singles matches against Grand Valley State Friday. Stubbs also teamed with No. 1 singles player, freshman, Rosa Tapia. They won their No. 1 doubles match 8-5. The team kicks off MIAA matches this week with a match Friday against Southwest Baptist. PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR



## Northwest softball

## Women go 0-5 over weekend

By SCOTT NIELSON  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Bearcat softball team lost all five of its games in the Missouri Southern Tournament last weekend and dropped its record to 2-6.

The team had leads in three games, but committed nine errors and stranded 34 runners on base throughout the five games.

Northwest is now focusing its attention on a road trip to Pensacola, Fla., for the West Florida Spring Fling March 18-21.

Head coach Pam Knox said the team is going to work hard this week and shake things up in Florida.

"We have some things to fix and really work on this week," Knox said. "While we're in Florida, we are going to do some different things and make sure everybody gets some playing time."

The Bearcats were knocked from the single-elimination tournament Saturday by MIAA conference member Emporia State University 5-1.

Senior second baseman Lindy Tomlinson and sophomore third baseman Kelly Carter led the way with two hits each.

Friday featured a day of four straight games in pool play for the Bearcats. The final game of the day was against another MIAA opponent, Pittsburg State University.

The Bearcats were able to manage only one hit in the game.

In the third game of the day, the Bearcats took a 3-1 lead into the seventh inning before giving up three runs to the University of Central Arkansas in the top of the inning, suffering a 4-3 loss.

Freshman shortstop Melissa Nimmo hit the first home run of her Bearcat career, but it was not enough.

The Bearcats had their best offensive performance of the season in a 9-8 loss to the University of Central Oklahoma in the second game Friday.

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RANTING AND RAVING

March more than basketball



**BILL KNUST**  
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

Five letters bring a smile to my face this time of year, M-A-R-C-H. March makes any fan of sports giddy like a school girl.

I think it is the madness that accompanies the month that keeps men locked to the television Thursdays through Sundays all month.

It does not stop after the NCAA tournaments. Spring training is going in baseball, which means the "Boys of Summer" will soon take the fields and the games will matter.

Of course it does not matter who is winning because the Yankees will be walking home with their fourth straight World Series title come next October (but that's for a column later this month).

We also have the Masters, arguably golf's best tournament. The hype will be through the roof as Tiger Woods tries to win golf's grand slam.

He will be the heavy favorite, but the critics will be skeptical because he is in a "slump" right now.

I want to know what qualifies this as a slump. He has the same scoring average and had taken as many strokes in his first six tournaments this year as he had last year.

When I hit Mozingo in the coming months maybe I could inherit his slump.

Back to the madness that consumes March though. I like this year's Big Dance, but I doubt if we will see a Cinderella this year.

With the elimination of many mid-major conference schools that normally consume the 10 through 14 seeds, upsets are less likely to happen this year.

That does not mean this will not be a classic tournament. Duke is the favorite, and I think they can run the table, but they need a healthy Jason Williams. Williams, my vote for player of the year (of course I really don't have a vote), is the heart and soul of the Blue Devils.

Stanford, normally an overrated Pac-10 team, will make a run this year. Casey Jacobsen will carry the Cardinal to the finals.

My pick though is Michigan State. The Spartans have quietly gone about this season winning games, dropping a few here and

there. They are the No. 1 seed in the South. They also have an opportunity to do something no team has done since Duke in '91 and '92, repeat.

If there is an upset team lurking in the shadows, watch out for these teams. Creighton, Dana Altman will have the Bluejays ready to go every game. If this team gets hot do not be surprised to see them in the Sweet 16.

Gonzaga, the traditional dragon slayer is back. They are a 12 seed, which plays right into their hands. You can be sure no one wanted to draw this team.

Georgia State. I know what you are thinking. Another absurd prediction by Bill that ranks with my 2-0 Super Bowl score and the article about the NFL succeeding.

Trust me on this one. Lefty Driesell the coach for Georgia State has been here with three other teams, and they knocked off Georgia, who faces Missouri, in the first game of the year.

Whether your team in the pool is Duke or Arizona, you watch the most exciting tournament in sports because of the unscripted drama that has captivated us since the tournament has started.

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Junior post Erin Lohafer and senior guard Hailey Lawyer were named honorable mention.

On the boys' side senior guard Cody Burch, senior forward Zach Morely and senior forward Jon Akins were all named first team All-conference.

Senior 'Hound forward Erin Goudge was an honorable mention selection.

Maryville girls' soccer

'Hounds kick into second season

BY ASHLEE ERWIN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville girls' soccer team is looking to continue the winning ways of last year's inaugural season.

The 'Hounds posted a 8-5-1 record in their first year, a strong showing that head coach Gregg Winslow said his team can repeat.

"Our strength will be having a year of play under our belts," Winslow said.

Thirty girls are on the roster this season, including seven seniors. Winslow said he is looking for seniors Natasha Collins and Heather Robertson to step into leadership positions. They will be helped by junior Amber DeMott and sophomores Tiffany Robertson and Carol Sutton.

Assistant coach Danielle Saunders said the girls not only have experience but also versatility. She also said this will be important because they are searching for a new goalie, a position that takes many different skills.

Winslow said the team's progress has been limited by the weather. Most workouts have been indoors and focused on getting into shape.

"We've worked on ball skills and we've worked hard on conditioning," Winslow said.

Maryville does not have a conference season because not enough of the schools have soccer teams. The team's main goal is to perform well in districts, and Winslow said this can be accomplished by working on the basics.

"We will hopefully be a lot better offensively than we were last year," Winslow said. "And hopefully we'll be just as good defensively."

The 'Hounds open their season March 22 at the Excelsior Springs Tournament.

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'Hound soccer player junior Leah Taylor practices dribbling the ball during a preseason workout. The 'Hounds start their second season March 22.

2001 Maryville girls soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
3/22	Excelsior Tourney	TBA
3/27	Platte County	4:30p.m.
3/30	Central Tourney	TBA
4/3	Lincoln Prep.	4 p.m.
4/5	Lafayette	4 p.m.
4/10	North Kansas City	4 p.m.
4/12	Smithville	4:30 p.m.
4/17	St. Teresa's	4 p.m.
4/20	Lincoln Prep.	4:30 p.m.
4/23	Smithville	4 p.m.
4/24	Lafayette	4:30 p.m.
4/26	K.C. Barstow	4:30 p.m.
5/01	Platte County	4:30 p.m.
5/3	Kearney	4:30 p.m.
5/8	St. Pius	TBA
5/12	Districts	TBA
5/22	State Quarterfinals	TBA
5/25	State Semifinals	TBA
5/26	State Finals	TBA

Home games in bold

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Maryville athletes named MEC All-conference

The Midland Empire Conference announced its winter All-conference March 6 with several Maryville basketball players being selected.

In girls' basketball senior guard Dana Lade was named to the first team.

Maryville track and field

Maryville tracksters set for MEC title run

BY ASHLEE ERWIN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Spring is a time for change, and the changes are abundant with the Maryville track program.

Both the boys' and the girls' track teams started practice earlier this month under the direction of new head coaches. Boys' head coach Paul Read takes the helm from Mike Thompson, who led the 'Hounds to four consecutive Midland Empire Conference championships and a fourth-place team finish at last year's state meet.

Read is no stranger to the program as he was an assistant coach for 12 years. He intends to keep the winning tradition alive.

"We have a good number of young men returning," Read said. "We're looking forward to a good year."

Read is looking for leadership from seniors Jon Akins, Eric Goudge, and Zac Hennegen. Akins will run in the 400-meter and 800-

meter sprint relays and participate in the long and high jumps. Goudge will run hurdle events and the 1600-meter relay, while Hennegen returns at the pole vault.

Read said his team has enough talent to win a fifth conference championship and make another run at state.

"We just have to put these kids together and try to get as many points as we can," Read said.

New girls' head coach Jennifer Cholenksy is also looking for a good conference finish.

The Maryville girls finished second in the conference last year and sent the 1600-meter relay team to state. The relay team consists of senior Dana Lade, junior Sundi Sutton, and sophomores Alexis Townsend and Laura Prokes.

Cholenksy is also looking for success in the field events from junior thrower Hailey Lawyer.

Lawyer has qualified for state each of the last two years and placed

sixth in the discus and 12th in the shot put at last year's meet.

If the team has one weakness, it is inexperience, Cholenksy said.

"Our numbers are in our sophomores and freshmen," Cholenksy said. "They are just now realizing that there is a lot of competition."

2001 Maryville track and field

Date	Meet	Time
3/24	Park Hill Invite-Boys	TBA
3/27	Maryville Invite	4 p.m.
3/30	Lafayette-Freshman	4 p.m.
4/3	Nebraska City Invite	4 p.m.
4/6	Chillicothe	2 p.m.
4/10	Pirate Relays	4 p.m.
4/17	Smithville Relays	4 p.m.
4/20	NWMSU Quad State	9 p.m.
4/24	Savannah-Freshman	4 p.m.
4/27	Lafayette-Irish Relays	3 p.m.
5/1	Savannah Relays	4 p.m.
5/5	MEC at Lafayette	10p.m.
5/8	Benton Invite	4 p.m.
5/12	Districts	TBA
5/19	Sectionals	TBA
5/25	State	TBA

FAN PLAN

Home games

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest Baseball		Minnesota-Crookston 1 p.m.	Nebraska-Omaha 1 p.m.			Kansas University Lawrence, Kan.	Washburn Topeka, Kan. 3 p.m.
Northwest Softball				West Florida Spring Eling Pensacola, Fla. 1 p.m.			
Northwest Track and Field		Southwest Mississippi Invite Hattiesburg, Miss.					
Northwest Tennis		Southwest Kirkville (M&W) 2 p.m.	Turkeyman State Kirkville (M&W) 12 p.m.		Orlando/Tulsa (M&W) 2 p.m.	Central Okla. (M&W) 10 p.m.	(W) - Northeastern Oklahoma 10 p.m. (M) - Drury U. 2 p.m.
Maryville Baseball						Lafayette 4 p.m.	

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Travis Ashman

Ashman, a freshman, pitched a five-inning no-hitter against Northern State University (S.D.). He walked none and struck out three. Ashman has compiled a 2-0 record and a 1.64 ERA this season. Opponents are only batting .146 against him.

Dana Lade

Lade, a senior guard on the Maryville girls' basketball team was named first team Midland Empire Conference after leading the 'Hounds to a 17-9 record.

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